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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

8 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 OMAR ESPITIA-MARQUEZ,

13 Defendant.

Case No. 2:23-mj-00371-NJK

**Stipulation to Extend Deadlines to  
Conduct Preliminary Hearing and  
File Indictment**

(Third Request)

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15 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between Jason M. Frierson,  
16 United States Attorney, and Kimberly Frayn, Assistant United States Attorney, counsel for the  
17 United States of America, and Rene L. Valladares, Federal Public Defender, and Raquel  
18 Lazo, Assistant Federal Public Defender, counsel for Omar Espitia-Marquez, that the that the  
19 Court schedule the preliminary hearing in this case on a date convenient to the Court but no  
20 sooner than November 1, 2023. This request requires that the Court extend two deadlines: (1)  
21 that a preliminary hearing be conducted within 14 days of a detained defendant's initial  
22 appearance, see Fed. R. Crim. P. 5.1(c); and (2) that an information or indictment be filed  
23 within 30 days of a defendant's arrest, see 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b).  
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1 This Stipulation is entered into for the following reasons:

2 1. The United States Attorney’s Office has developed an early disposition  
3 program for immigration cases, authorized by the Attorney General pursuant to the  
4 PROTECT ACT of 2003, Pub. L. 108-21.

5 2. The early disposition program for immigration cases is designed to: (1) reduce  
6 the number of hearings required in order to dispose of a criminal case; (2) avoid having more  
7 cases added to the court’s trial calendar, while still discharging the government’s duty to  
8 prosecute federal crimes; (3) reduce the amount of time between complaint and sentencing;  
9 and (4) avoid adding significant time to the grand jury calendar to seek indictments in  
10 immigration cases, which in turn reduces court costs.

11 3. The government has made a plea offer in this case that requires defendant to  
12 waive specific rights and hearings in exchange for “fast-track” downward departure under  
13 USSG § 5K3.1. The defendant has accepted the plea offer and has entered into a written plea  
14 agreement with the government. Waiver of Indictment, Plea, and Sentencing is currently set  
15 for September 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., before Judge Andrew P. Gordon but will be continued  
16 to November 1, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. After final disposition in this matter has concluded at the  
17 scheduled hearing, the preliminary hearing will be automatically vacated.

18 4. Defendant is incarcerated and does not object to a continuance.

19 5. Under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5.1(c), the Court “must hold the  
20 preliminary hearing within a reasonable time, but no later than 14 days after the initial  
21 appearance if the defendant is in custody . . . .”

22 6. However, under Rule 5.1(d), “[w]ith the defendant’s consent and upon a  
23 showing of good cause—taking into account the public interest in the prompt disposition of  
24 criminal cases—a magistrate judge may extend the time limits in Rule 5.1(c) one or more  
25 times . . . .”  
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1           7.       Furthermore, under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b), “[a]ny  
2 information or indictment charging an individual with the commission of an offense shall be  
3 filed within thirty days from the date on which such individual was arrested or served with a  
4 summons in connection with such charges.”

5           8.       If the Court does not accept the defendant’s guilty plea, then the government  
6 and the defendant will need additional time to prepare for the Preliminary Hearing.

7           9.       Accordingly, the parties jointly request that the Court schedule the preliminary  
8 hearing in this case no sooner than November 1, 2023.

9           10.      Defendant is in custody and agrees to the extension of the 14-day deadline  
10 imposed by Rule 5.1(c) and waives any right to remedies under Rule 5.1(c) or 18 U.S.C.  
11 § 3161(b), provided that the information or indictment is filed on or before the date ordered  
12 pursuant to this stipulation.

13          11.      The parties agree to the extension of that deadline.

14          12.      This extension supports the public interest in the prompt disposition of  
15 criminal cases by permitting defendant to consider entering into a plea agreement under the  
16 United States Attorney’s Office’s fast-track program for § 1326 defendants.

17          13.      Accordingly, the additional time requested by this stipulation is allowed under  
18 Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5.1(d).

19          14.      In addition, the parties stipulate and agree that the time between today and the  
20 scheduled preliminary hearing is excludable in computing the time within which the  
21 defendant must be indicted and the trial herein must commence pursuant to the Speedy Trial  
22 Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b) and (h)(7)(A), considering the factors under 18 U.S.C.  
23 § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i) and (iv).

24               This is the third request for an extension of the deadlines by which to conduct the  
25 preliminary hearing and to file an indictment.  
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1 DATED this 13th day of September, 2023.

2 Respectfully submitted,

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**Order on Stipulation  
to Extend Deadlines to Conduct  
Preliminary Hearing and  
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10 Based on the stipulation of counsel, good cause appearing, and the best interest of  
11 justice being served; the time requested by this stipulation being excludable in computing the  
12 time within which the defendant must be indicted and the trial herein must commence  
13 pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b) and (h)(7)(A), and Federal Rule of  
14 Criminal Procedure 5.1, considering the factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i) and (iv):

15 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the preliminary hearing currently scheduled on  
16 September 28, 2023 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. be vacated and continued to  
17 November 2, 2023 at the hour of 4:00 p.m.  
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19 DATED this 14th day of September, 2023.  
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22 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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